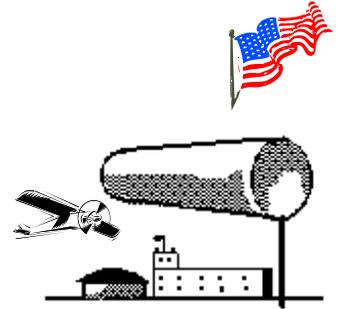


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WINTER FLYING



On a cool, breezy day, Greg Moody is out flying his new Aviator Pro 60. This plane with over a six foot wingspan and 90 (?) four stroker up front, is coming in for a landing. It is an ARF and is somewhat modeled after the SIG Rascal but with a much lower price tag. Greg says it flies well but floats when landing and is a little hard to get down onto the runway. It is a nice looking ARF, and seems to be well built. A nice cowl, maybe in blue, would be a good finishing touch!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hey Guys,

It was good to see everyone at the March meeting and all the new projects that have been under construction this winter. There was excitement in the air with coming into spring and another flying season approaching fast. Saturday March 16th turned out to be a great morning of flying with warm temperatures and mild winds. I was thankful to have our winter Texans John Woods and Jim Haney back home safe and sound. Mr. Joe White, one of our new flyers, is coming along quite well as a beginner and got some quality time in on his Tower Trainer 40. I'm looking forward to a great year of flying with all you guys with as very little salvage as possible. Take a moment today with me to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. God Bless.

Greg Moody

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The AMA deadline has come to re-charter our Club and we start 2013 with 18 members including one student, which is two less than at this time last year. This means we had to drop six members from our year ending roster. Hopefully at least two or three of them will eventually renew the 2013 dues.

We have also renewed our flying field lease and land owner insurance for 2013 so everything is in order for the coming year.

Our next meeting will be April 9th at the Club flying field weather permitting.

The first Club Fun Fly of the year is scheduled for April 13th so start getting your Fun Fly planes ready for the Top Gun 2013 events.

The new AMA Vice-President for Region VI (us) is Randy Cameron and he is from Springfield, MO. As you can see in the minutes on the following page, he has already noticed our Club and said some good things about us in connection with our teddy bear donations. Great job guys, it's nice to be noticed in a positive way by the big guys. Maybe we can get Randy to come to one of our events!

Time to land for this month.....ed.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2013			
		MAR	Y T D
BALANCE	3/1/2013	\$1,767.50	\$ 1,453.98
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 320.00	\$ 1,120.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 5.00	\$ 8.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 115.00	\$ 604.48
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	4/1//2013	\$1,977.50	\$ 1,977.50

NEW MEMBER

In March we acquired a new member. Lloyd Apprill comes to us from California and worked at the Lockheed Skunk Works, which should be interesting to all us airplane buffs. He is new to R/C and looking forward toward learning to fly.

Lloyd and wife Patti live in Hollister.

Welcome to the Club Lloyd, we are pleased to have you join us

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

MARCH 12, 2013

President Greg Moody opened the meeting at 6:07 PM, at the South Port Condominium Club House. All Officers were present. There were 11 members present including the Officers. The split the pot raffle was won by Erv Rohde, and he received \$5 of the \$10 pot.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,767.50 in the bank as of March 1st.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed in the February Newsletter.

Old Business:

John Woods reported that he had sent a "thank you" to Mike Wenig, of TPA Hobbies, for his donation of the Stearman foamy aircraft for our Christmas Party raffle.

Dave Medley reported that he received a very positive email from the new AMA District Vice-President concerning our teddy bear donations to Skaggs Hospital. Below is a copy of the email.

"Great job guys, and please pass it along to the rest of the club. I saw the web page put up on the Skaggs web site where you have been donating the stuff animals to the Pediatrics Unit. Very nice program. I forwarded the link to AMA's President, Bob Brown and Executive director Dave Mathewson .

It is great to see District VI'ers doing good things with their community. Keep up the good work.

Randy Cameron

AMA District VI, Vice President"

New Business:

Dave Medley said he would look into AMA

grant money that is available to AMA clubs. The money will be given out so if we qualify we should apply for it.

Dave also said he would contact the Scouts and see if they wanted to arrange a flight demo day.

Fritz Corbin said he would take care of the food for the Fun Flies.

Program:

Gene Fuson passed out an award Certificate to John Woods for his flight on New Years Day.

John Woods described his crash with his quarter scale Extra and was awarded the Crash Of The Month Trophy which Howard Shire had had for three months.

Show and Tell included John Wood's Sea Cruiser sea plane with a .25 engine, Gene Fuson's Rhapsody bi-wing and Greg Moody's Aviator Pro 60 sport trainer. (see pictures)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

YOUR 2013 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 18 members that are current in their 2013 Club dues.

Lloyd Apprill, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Jim Halbert, Jim Haney, Reeder Jones, Don Johnson, Dave Medley, Greg Moody, Randy Needham, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Roy Steinestel, James Woodruff and John Woods.

If you feel your 2013 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Roy Steinestel for needed corrections.



Greg Moody brought his Aviator Pro 60 ARF to the March meeting. Looking a little like a SIG Rascal, the plane has a 68 inch wingspan and Greg plans to put a four stroke engine in it. The plane is intended to fly like a trainer.



Gene Fuson brought his Rhapsody ARF for everyone to get a good look at. It was the cover girl on last month's Newsletter. Gene is waiting for a little better (say warmer) weather to do the maiden flight. Should be a great looking airplane if the air. Gene is recovering quite rapidly from his recent shoulder surgery.



John Woods brought a beautifully built Sea Cruiser kit to the meeting. It has a O.S. 25 engine, 50 inch wingspan, weighs 2 3/4 pounds and no, John did not build it, but the guy that did, did a great job. The kit is made in Arkansas. John has since flown it off the water and says I flies as good as it's reputation. Below is a picture John emailed me at the last minuet showing the Sea Cruiser just as it is lifting off the water. Neat sight!



J. Woods photo



Another shot of Greg Moody's Aviator Pro 60 in the air. Seems to be a stable and graceful flier.

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SAFETY FIRST

It is now officially Spring. Actually, it feels like it is still Winter, maybe because it is cold and snowing as I write this.

If it warms up enough to enable flying again, soon I hope, we will all be glad to get back out to our field and have some fun.

When you do get back in the groove of flying, be sure to do a good pre-flight of your airplane that has been sitting most of the winter. Check the battery, make sure all of the controls move the proper direction, and also, do a range check prior to that first flight. Take it easy that first flight and make sure everything is working correctly.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE
APRIL 9TH, 6:00PM, AT THE CLUB
FLYING FIELD. IN CASE OF SEVERE
WEATHER MEET AT THE SOUTH-
PORT CONDOMINIUM CLUBHOUSE.**